GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2104
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TOLL TAX ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether toll tax on National Highways has been introduced by the Government;

(a) if so, the amount likely to be collected in one year by levying toll tax; and

(c) the manner in which this tax is likely to be distributed between State Governments and Union Government ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD. KHANDURI)

(a) Yes, Sir. Government has decided to levy user fee on four-lane sections of National Highways and on BOT projects for improvement of roads and bypasses. User fees was already being charged on bridges costing over Rs. 100 lakhs since 1st May, 1992.

(b) Since most of the projects proposed for levy of user fee are under implementation, it is too early to estimate the amount likely to be collected on user fee. During the year 2001-2002, an amount of Rs. 136.15 crores was collected from user fee on NH Projects, excluding projects taken up on BOT for which user fee is retained by the entrepreneur.

(c) User fee collected on bridges is ploughed back for development of NHs in that State.